



# NEWS RELEASE

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**WHAT: CALTRANS CONTRA-FLOW DEMONSTRATION,  
LANE-DIRECTION REVERSAL EXERCISE**

**WHEN: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2007  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**WHERE: HUMBOLDT COUNTY, ROUTE 255 (HUMBOLDT BAY BRIDGES)**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announces the temporary closure of Route 255 from the junction of Route 101/255 in Eureka to New Navy Base Road and from Sierra Pacific Mill to Jackson Ranch Road to initiate a Contra-Flow Demonstration Exercise. Motorists should anticipate 30-minute delays.

Contra-Flow, or traffic lane flow reversal, is a traffic management program designed for quick, emergency evacuation of an area. During an actual emergency, this tactic doubles the number of lanes available for evacuating traffic out of an impacted area. Data and other information gathered from this exercise will be utilized by Caltrans and other agencies locally and statewide to study the resources and processes involved in a high level evacuation operation.

Caltrans would like to thank local residents for their patience during this exercise. Motorists are reminded to drive with extra care while travelling through construction projects and to “**Slow for the Cone Zone**” in all construction and maintenance areas.

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